To adjourn or not to adjourn That's the question.

Remember, we are pulling for 10,-000 subscribers. Won't you pull with

In Wilmington the morally stunted are doing reasonably well with Ja- The Cimmittee Appointed by the maica ginger as a substitute.

Union County comes forward with a yellow rabbit. It is now up to Chat ham County to save her reputation.

The Democratic members of the Legislature do not seem to be in any hurry about introducing a bill for guaranty of bank deposits.

Wonder what Mr. Locke Craig would consider as just punishment investigation of the record and genfor the present shell fish commission- eral office conditions in the State er for trading with himself?

journing early, some of the Legislators reason, if we are so soon done sharp criticisms, especially of the with what were we elected for?

and Observer might now give its statutes cited as authority. This opinion of the way in which the of- Council of State rather than the Aufice of the shell fish commissioner is ditor in several respects, as the genconducted.

were to come off now his plurality commended. would equal Mr. Taft's. Mr. Bryan evidently discovered another new idea when he went to Mexico.

Mr. John W. Kern charged the Democrats of Indiana with treachery United States Senate. Wonder what he thinks of the Democrats all over the country who would not vote for him for Vice President.

The telephone trust, and its employes in Kentucky, seems to be badly in need of regulating. The property fused the dictates of a larger company to go out of business.

In the lower house of the Legislature Monday the resolution of sympathy to Italy came up and passedof \$5,000.

While the earthquake sufferers are not to get any of our money, we ary 1, 1909, and beg leave to sub- Your committee desires to call hope the vote of sympathy will reach mit the following remarks: Italy in time to do untold good.

staying in session after the first of the year. The only argument that tion. Neither could we find at any statement of the result of all official might not have found anything wrong if they had rushed through with the any; therefore, we have been unable matter.

Governors who took the money?-Wilmington Star.

The present Legislature hasn't deeven after attention had been called to the matter.

dollars, too. Of course that made us feel good, but it made us feel almost are getting out an excellent paper. One of our callers, and by the way, a tinue to make similar statements we the fact ourselves.

Mr. Bryan thinks he has seen cried of our investigation. new light. He says that if the elec- "'In view of the manner in which tion were to come off now his plurality would be equal to Mr. Taft's. He

books have been kept and the funds through the State Treasury, To enable men ity would be equal to Mr. Taft's. He new discovery, says:

markable men of the day. Here he vouchers, which we have done, and der Sec. 4780, Revisal, be submitted unfavorably; to change bridge law thick an thin, from Horace Greely would stand easily to lose North Car- commissioner claims were items not gregate \$1,000,000, and the State lien on wearing apparel. olina and Tennessee."

EDITORIAL BRIEFS SHARP CRITICISMS

Legislative Investigation Com. the assistance we could ask for in mittee Makes Report.

FISH COMMISSIONER RAPPED dishonesty on the part of any one

Last Legislature to Examine the represent all accounts and items State Offices Made Their Report Saturday-Severe Criticism of the do, and we recommend that there be Insurance Commissioner's Office. immediately installed a double entry Criticism of Other Offices-Institutions Di Not Report to Treas-

The legislative committee of the 1907 General Assembly, which had been engaged for over a month in Treasury, the Auditor's office and the office of the State Commissioner When they begin talking of ad- of Insurance, transmitted its final report to the General Assembly Saturday, and it includes a number of Department of Insurance, as well as of the Auditor's office for auditing Speaking of "spilt" fish, the News claims not clearly grounded on the eral condition and management of the Auditor's Department as well as Mr. Bryan says that if the election that of the State Treasury are highly

The Insurance Department.

After detailing the insurance carried on State property by the department, the aggregate being \$2,-191,900, the report continues:

"Upon the examination of the books and accounts in the office of because they did not elect him to the the Insurance Commissioner, your committe was unable to make any examination which would be satisfactory to them and just to your here are in the nature of stocks and W. B. Jones, of Wake, the bill was tole 'em ter rub Bob down an' put honorable body, to whom we were bonds payable to bearer shows the required to report the result of our importance of this law being cominvestigation. We, therefore, secured the services of an expert accountant to assist us in making the 4784, Revisal of North Carolina, the examination, which we felt it our Insurance Commissioner is required duty to make. We transmit to your of a rural company in that State was honorable body the letter to us by destroyed Monday because it had re- the gentlemen who made this exam- We regret to say that this section of

fices, Raleigh, N. C.

"'Gentlemen: Agreeable with can be termed a record) which the period of twenty-five months from some of the securities appear, all of tions. December 1, 1906, and ending Janu- which are written in lead pencil.

Books Not Properly Kept.

"'We find that the books have once. The legislative committee that ex- not been properly kept and balanced amined the State offices have been and that no cash book has been kept of North Carolina, requires that the criticised from certain sources for showing the accurate receipts and Insurance Commissioner should disbursements of the funds handled keep in permanent form a record of during the period of our investiga- his proceedings, including a concise could be used in behalf of the kick- time before or since the period of examinations of companies. This ers is the fact that the committee our investigation began where any law is not kept and we have been balance sheet had been rendered, unable to find where the Insurance showing the balance on hand, if work and adjourned first of the year. to determine what balance, if any, the State Insurance Commissioner Who is liable for that thirty dol- should have had on hand or due the a tax of one-fifth of one per cent on lars a month illegally paid our Gov. State on December 1, 1906. How- all the gross premium receipts of lows: ernors for servant hire—the Audi- ever, we find that his bank pass the fire companies to defray the extors who issued the warrants, the books show a balance in bank on pense of investigating suspicious Treasurers who cashed them or the December 1, 1906, of \$12,152.96, in fires, and keep a separate account of County. which should have been \$3,248.40 all monies received and disbursed belonging to the investigation of the under said chapter and include same fire fund according to the commis- in his annual report. This has not sioner's record, leaving a balance of been done and your committee is cided that question, but we are in- \$8,904.29. Owing to the condition unable to find any record which is formed that Governor Glenn insist- and manner in which the books have satisfactory to them of the amount ed that the amount be paid him been kept, we are unable to deter- of receipts or disbursements under mine where it belongs, except that this section, and same is not includthe commissioner claims it has been ed in the annual report filed by the his custom to always keep some \$5,- commissioner except in a lump sum, 000 or \$6,000 of his personal funds which in our opinion does not meet Saturday was receiving day at our in this State depository bank to the statute. office. Many of our subscribers called meet all balances that may be due "We find that Sec. 4783, which in to pay their respects-and their to the State and not included in his requires that the securities depositremittances to the State Treasurer. ed by the life insurance companies We are also unable (without con- to protect their policies be registersuming more time and going further ed, is not complied with, as we find as good to hear every one of them say into the records than the committee these securities are mingled with without a single exception, that we felt it was their authority) to deon December 1, 1906, for the reason that we found in some instances that the Insurance Commissioner in the State. If our friends all con- began on December 1, 1906, had changed as to end on November 30, be called up later. been entered on the ledger prior to as does every other State institution. that date, but we did not go back "We find a complete and accurate wild fowl in Currituck County. may soon be forced to acknowle enough to determine all charges record of the investigation of fires S. B. 44: To protect squirrels in an' from those who were in it years Republican principles from affiliatest doubt. The system is condemnagainst the commissioner for busi- such as he is required to keep. s uess so entered that belonged to the

must be training for another run for we eable to do, with the period recommends that this be required of stock running at large in Ashe the most bitter pill I have ever taken and squarely announced that he will the Presidency. The Chattanooga you wish investigated, was to estab- them all whether supported wholly County, favorably; to provide a bet- ter hev ter stand an' watch the party abolish the old referee system for Times, commenting on Mr. Bryan's lish all charges and collections of or in part by the State, thus giving ter road system is Cherokee, favor- that Tom Jefferson toiled an' sweat distributing patronage in the South. found and allow credits for dis- of their management. "Mr. Bryan is one of the most re- bursements according to bank "That all securities deposited un- of autos in New Hanover County, others I hev stood with hit through is declaring, after observing the trend herewith enclose statement of same to the attorney general, who shall in Wayne, favorably. of events, that if the election were to showing a balance over in bank with the Insurance Commissioner come off now his plurality would amounting to \$4,985.09, and which approve the same, especially for the equal that of Mr. Taft. Fact is if the settlement you will note does not reason that the bond of the Insurelection were to come off now Mr. include the commissioner's fees, ap- ance Commissioner is only \$25,000 Bryan couldn't carry Georgia and he prisals, cash and coupons, which the and securities in his possession ag-

due to the State and were handled

as a personal matter and enters in WITH THE SOLONS his ledger account.

No Disposition to Conceal.

ed no disposition to conceal any of his records, and while our investiga-

satisfactory and does not properly

sioner of Insurance as they should

accurate condition of all affairs per-

and all balances on hand in the

shape of cash and uncollected ledger

statement attached to be absolutely

correct because we do not think that

an absolutely correct one could be

made without going back and check-

ing up the entire business of the of-

fice since the beginning, which we

were advised was not desirable at

able to make for the period given us

"'Yours very truly,

SOUTHERN AUDIT COMPANY,

"We feel that the above letter

fully explains the situation and

Law Not Complied With.

Revisal, companies depositing secur-

ities with the Insurance Commis-

sioner are required to legally trans-

missioner and his successors in of-

this statute has not been at all com-

"We further find that under Sec.

to keep a careful record of the se-

curities deposited by each company.

special attention to this and recem-

mends to your honorable body that

this law be fully complied with at

"We find that Sec. 4683, Revisal

other securities placed by the com-

Disbursement of Funds.

"Some of the State institutions

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plied with

"We find that under Section 480,

needs no comment from us.

" 'By C. L. Smith, V. P.'

"The commissioner gave us all No Session in Senate Saturday making the investigation and showfor Lack of Quorum.

tion did not disclose any evidence of BILL FOR EARLY ADJOUNMENT

handling the funds, we think the system of book-keeping is very nu- Mr. Harshaw Introduces Bill to Adjourn February 20th; Bill Meets pertaining to the office of Commisislative Investigating Committee sent to Legislature and Referred set of books to show at all times the to a Committee-Raleigh Wants a New Charter-Solicitor's Salary taining to the office, which should include fees, expenses, advance costs Bill Introduced in the Senate-Mr. Morton Introduces Bill to Exaccounts. We do not present the bition Bill.

The liquor question has been least a regiment ov U. S. soldiers opened up in the Legislature. Mr. ter git Bob ter the White House, Morton, of New Hanover, has intro- fer he wuz havin' too gude a time duced a bill to exempt his county at the liberty stables, not that he from provisions of the State prohibi- wuz gittin' so much ter eat, but he this time; therefore, the statement tion bill which was passed last May. wuz puttin' in hiz time tryin' ter presented is the best we have been The purpose of this bill is to again find out what them city horses lived permit saloons to be operated in on. I awlso told Mr. Roosevelt that to investigate and the time allowed Wilmington. Mr. Koonce sent in a I wuz a mity plain sort ov a man petition from citizens of White Oak an' that I wuz afraid that I couldn't township, Onslow County, to allow go the pace they go at the White farmers to sell wine in as small House. The President sed that wuz by philanthropists in every part of Republicanism in the South, has quantities as one quart. The mini- awl nonsense an' ter go an' square the United States during the last ten been presaged by his speeches since mum amount that can be sold under up at my boardin' house an' git Bob the present law is 21 gallons. It an' come rite over, fer, sez he: "I have been formed in nearly every men who have talked to him on the would not be much of a surprise if am tired an' I'll git rested while you State in the Union to consider the subject say his mind is fully made some of the western counties should stay. Them diplomats, Senators an' care for the future homeless chil- up. now ask for the privilege of con- things keep me in trouble, 'on the dren. The prominent workers in all The referee system has been converting their apples into brandy.

Senate-Tuesday.

fer same to him as Insurance Com- lows:

ties, Cities and Towns.

S. B. 208. Senator Bassett: An act to protect the earnings of railway employes and give them the benefit of the homestead and personal property exemption laws. Committee on Railroads.

the law has not been followed at ail. "To the Honorable Board of Com- We find that there is on deposit in to establish a special school tax dis- rode erround in rear ov the White of not only this country but of the dealt out the "pork" as they saw fit. missioners Appointed to Investi- the office of the Insurance Commis- trict in Wake County, to be known House an' the President's horse man whole world. gate the North Carolina State Of- sioner securities aggregating \$1,- as School District No. 4. Committee 000,000 and the only record (if it on Education.

Bills Out of Order. Unanimous consent was asked for

the introduction of the following

S. B. 212, Senator Barringer: An act to create a new judicial district embracing the countles of Guilford and Alamance. Committee on Judicial Districts.

quest: An act to organize the But he wuz doin' most ov the talk- liant piece of constructive statesman- cendant. Democrats could not think county of Moseley out of parts of in', fer I couldn't help feelin' sorter the counties of Greene, Wayne and shaky erbout the knees. Lenoir. Committee on Counties, Commissioner has any record of this Cities and Towns.

Passed Final Reading.

"Under Sec. 4823, the Insurance Bills came up for their final read-Commissioner is required to collect ing and were duly passed, as fol-S. B. 105, relating to the drain-

> age of Whiteoak Swamp, in Bladen S. B. 171; An act to prohibit the sale of quail, pheasants and grouse

> in North Carolina for two years. A division was called for. Consideration was finally postponed until next Tuesday.

S. B. 118: An act relative to nonresidents hunting in this State, allowing non-residents to hunt on lands in this State, provided such non-residents are guests of landowners and hunt with such land-

State University to be embraced last campane." within the provision of the Carnegie Foundation Fund.

S. B. 32: An act to increase the termine the accurate ledger balance panies for the protection of their powers and duties of the attorneyguaranteed capital. We also find general.

man of very good judgment, told us where business handled during the makes his fiscal year end on March and was reported unfavorably. A prejudice an' sectionalizum, an' hit South. that we are getting out the best paper period of our investigation, which 31st, and recommend that it be so minority report was filed and will hez lasted beyond the natural life Judge Taft has been diligently and vogue here since the civil war."

Sampson County.

In the House,

Bills were reported from commit-To enable men to collect small way every day."

ce and disbursements, the best and the Auditor, and the committee debts, unfavorably; to prevent live State funds according to the records the State an insight and supervision ably; to make better roads in Macon ter build up gittin' kicked erbout County, favorably to control speed like a football. Like thousands ov has too often placed power in the

Bills Introduced.

By Hayes: To fix time of expiration of agricultural leases. By Gordon: To give laundries a

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BILKINS ABROAD.

Still in Washington-Spends Part of His Time at the White House-Bob Was Hard to Get Away from the "Liberty Stable"-President and Bilkins Talk Politics and North Carolina.

Correspondence of The Caucasian-Enterprise.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 25, 1909 When I writ you last I wuz jist fresh frum the White House an' Much Opposition-Report of Leg- had so much ter write erbout that I

didn't git hit awl told.

As I sed before, President Roose velt jumped on me with both feet bekase I didn't let him know that I wuz in Washington sooner so he could hev looked after me. Nothin would do but I must quit my boardin' house an' take Bob an' put up at the White House. Mr. Roosevelt empt New Hanover From Prohi- offered ter send fer Bob an' make me stay anyhow. But I soon con- Special to the Caucasian: vinced him that hit would take at

an hour."

fice for the common benefit of all act relating to more efficient munic- sauntered up ter my boardin' house W. Wilder, president of the Nation- decide who should get the Federal the holders of their registered capi- ipal government. This is the bill an' paid up. I didn't tell them that al Child Rescue League of New York, prepared by the Good Government I wuz goin' ter the White House, and Judge Ben B. Lindsey, who is Association of Raleigh. It was re- though, fer I wuz afraid they would the author of the Juvenile Court at of the South, the government at plied with, and the fact that a great ferred to the Committee on Judici- try ter set the police after me. Then Denver, Colo.; also Miss Jane Ad- Washington has been accustomed to many of the securities deposited ary, but on the request of Senator I went ter the liberty stable an' ams, the noted philanthropist. referred to the Committee on Counavenue, an' rite strait up hit to the work by calling together this confer-White House. Bob tried ter git ence. The presence of this conferthe White House an' you must be of his official duties as President. more dignified an' not be tryin' ter S. B. 209, Senator Jones; An act dump me here in the street." I coal strike commanded the attention and the self-constituted committees met me, fer he wuz on the lookout The appointment of the commis- was their own sweet will. In nufer me. He remerked that he had stor to coreider the conditions of merous tases, objectionable persons S. B. 211, Senator Long: An act never seed a mule at the White farm life and what could be done have been put into office, and in the your request, we have examined the Insurance Commissioner has of them relative to the issuance of franks House before. "Guess you air some for the general uplift of the rural great majority of cases personal after striking out the appropriation books of James R. Young State In- is a small book which he carries in by telephone and telegraph com- ov the President's kin folks?" sed population has also attracted notable friends or supporters of the commitsurance Commissioner, during the his breast pocket, and upon which panies. Committee on Corpora- he. "No, I am nothin' but an' old attention, and the report of this com- tees have gotten all the jobs. friend," sez I. After gittin' into the mission which will soon be ready is White House barnyard, Bob begun looked forward to with great inter git sorter nervous, but I patted terest. him on the neck an' he soon got quiet. After we got Bob tucked er-

way the stable man showed me how ter git into the White House an' the offis that he calls hiz "study" or S. B. 213, Senator Ormond, by re- we wuz soon talkin' like old friends.

"How is things down in North Carolina?" axed the President. "How iz Major Grant an' Claude Dockery an' awl the other people in Raleigh?" sez he "An' how iz Joe Pogue an' them fellers that run the State Fair? An' how iz Ashley Horne? I beleeve he iz President ov the Fair Association, or was, fer a time. He iz a mity gude man, too," sed Mr. Roosevelt. I wish the country wuz full ov such men."

"Yes," sez I, "the country could stand a million men like Ashley Horne-five million wouldn't hurt.' "An' Elwood Cox made a gude run fer Governor, but he failed ter land the votes necessary," sez Mr Roosevelt.

"That wuz the main trouble," sez I. "But he made big gains," sez I. On motion the consideration of in North Carolina when hit iz scared the foundation of national greatness. S. B. 2: An act to allow the half ter death az hit wuz durin' the

"That iz so," sez Mr. Roosevelt. But hit iz now on hits last legs. Nationally hit iz dead. But hit still hez a strong followin' in most ov yesterday morning for Panama was statement: This is Senator Manning's bill, States. Hit iz a party existin' on be a new order of things in the the best men. That is to abolish the ter break erway from hit at any effective way to apply the remedy. thing was radically wrong, and from time; in fact, they are breakin' er-

ter William J. Bryan three times."

Mr. Roosevelt. "He kin run like a a small class of professional office-drives out pain. For Burns, Scalds, Montana steer an' he kin jump 12- holders and a close corporation Wounds, Cuts and Bruises it's earth's foot fences any minit in the day an' known as a patronage machine, greatest healer. Quickly cures Skin light on hiz feet a-runnin'. But the whose interest it was to keep the Eruptions, Old Sores, Boils, Ulcers,

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WASHINGTON NEWS REFEREE SYSTEM

The Old Referee System in the South to Be Abolished.

IMPORTANT MEETING IN WASHINGTON

President-Elect Taft May Select a North Carolinian as Member His Cabinet-President Roosevelt Praised for His Efforts in Behalf of Dependent Children-The Eastern Judgeship-No Charges Against Mr. Seawell and He Will be Con-

Washington, D. C. Jan. 26, 1909.

There arrived in Washington yesterday more than two hundred delegates to attend the special conference called by President Roosevelt to consider the care of dependent children. The delegates were received by the President at the White House yesterday afternoon, and held their dent-elect Taft has decided to disfirst session in the large ball-room continue in his administration the at the New Willard last night.

Much attention has been given to eral patronage in the South. years, and societies and organizations he came to Augusta, and now the jump,' awl the time, an' if I hev of these organizations are here, and sidered the root and cause of all the company I'll hev a gude excuse ter besides many other patriotic and phi- rottenness and objectionable featdodge 'em. Go rite erway an' git lanthropic people who are not active- ures in the Southern Republican New bills were introduced as fol- your mule an' come back inside ov ly connected with such organizations. party. Under its workings two or Prominent among those seen at the three men in each State have con-S. B. 204, Senator Manning: An So I left the White House an' New Willard last night were George stituted themselves a committee to

All of the delegates were loud in ed Bob an' rode up ter Pennsylvania valuable service in advancing this scared at so many street cars an' or- ence calls to mind the many importtermobiles, but I helt him down ant things that have been inaugur-Bob," sez I "you air goin' strait ter ated by President Roosevelt outside ulated in a manner which has not

The Conservation Commission.

It was only the other day that the commission appointed by the Presi-President took me into hiz private dent to consider the conservation of natural resources made their report. somethin' like that. After we got The appointment of this commission seated he offered me a cigar an' and the work already done and to be elevate the standing of the party done by it is probably the most bril- while the "pork combine" was asship initiated by the President. The of going over to Republicanism as report of that commission has been the system in vogue had discredited sent to Congress and is now under the Republicans. These referees consideration.

Congress transmitting this report, asked for an appropriation of only only function of Southern Republififty thousand dollars to enable the canism was to draw government commission to continue its most im- money. portant work. Never was so great a work undertaken, that promises take the place of the referees cansuch lasting and beneficial results, at not be stated at this time. It has so little cost.

will the appropriation of so small a vestigator of the standing and abilsum prove of such benefit as by its ities of men put forward for Federal employment in elaborating means office. Another suggestion is that for the development and preservation the independent clubs which are to of our material resources in mine be organized in this section of the and forest, in soil and waterways. country by John Hays Hammond And no act would be more creditable be used to pick good men. to this expiring Congress than that of giving form and permanence to the policy of national conservation 'The Dymakrat party can't be beat of those material elements which are to do everything in his power to ap-

The Old Referee System to be Abolished.

President-elect Taft before he sailed crats have come to him with the the Southern an' some ov the Middle a further assurance that there is to

ov parties built that way. What earnestly seeking for the cause which S. B. 140, relative to hunting little vitality hit hez now comes has prevented thousands of the best tion anyone familiar with conditions from the men who helped form hit, people of the South who believe in in the South can have not the slightergo. The younger set ov voters ing with the Republican party of ed by the showing the party now now actin' with the party care very that section. He has discovered the makes in the South. Mr. Taft came little about hit, and they may begin cause and he is now seeking the most here with the realization that some-

"Yes, Mr. President," sez I "hit iz cause, and therefore he has boldly referee system. He now sees that this false system hands of small and selfish men who have used it not to build up but to often receive severe burns putting

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IS DOOMED

New Deal Certain in Apportioning Federal Jobs in the South.

CIVIL SERVICE

PLAN MAY RULE

No Professional Politicians to Be Appointed-The Patronage Machine and Their "Pork Barrel" to Go-To Build Up a party of Character and Progress-The Moss-Back Pap-Suckers Will Raise a Howl, But Their Days Are Numbered-Taft More Interested in Getting Electoral Votes Than in Convention Delegates.

By James Hay, Jr.

SYSTEM OF REFEREE Augusta, Ga., Jan. 21.-Presireferee system of distributing Fed-

ppointments in their States,

Owing to the political remoteness take these men's recommendations as conclusive and to make the ap-

Favoritism Shown,

Under this regime the Federal offices in the South have been maniphelped the Republican party in any His action in settling the great of the States. Favoritism crept in,

Their only guide, it is charged,

The result was that the Republican party was considered a close corporation for the exploitation of a small ring of men who were thought to be concerned only in serving their

own purposes. Many Republicans refused to take an active interest in politics, because of their belief that they could not were usually the Republican State The President, in his message to chairman and one or two of his lieutenants, and until very recently the

What agency Mr. Taft will use to been suggested that the Civil Ser-In no way, as the President says, vice organization be used as an in-

The President-elect is determined point the best men possible to office in the South. He has made this promise in several speeches in the South, and after each of them, Re-The last word that came from publicans and independent Demo-

"There is only one way to find referee system that has been in

Of the soundness of this proposi-As Judge Taft himself announced, all sides has come the declaration the first step was to remove the that the root of the evil is in the

> It seems now that the Civil Service will be the agency which will

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Brave Fire Laddies

prevent Republican growth. He sees out fires, then use Bucklen's Arnica "Billy Bryan iz a wonder," sed that this has resulted in building up Salve and forget them. It soon trouble with Bill iz that he awlways party small, and that the only inter- Felons; best Pile cure made. Relief is instant. 25c. at all druggists.